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SUBJ: CODEL LONG AND RIBICOFF

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1. CODEL VISIT TO MTN GENEVA PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR RELAXED AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON GENERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND U S APPROACH TO MTN. MTN DEL CONSIDERS VISIT TO HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE.

2. CODEL VISIT TO BERN REPORTED IN REFTEL.

3. CODEL MEETING WITH GATT DG LONG AND DDG PATTERSON FOR AN HOUR MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25, 1975 FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON HOSTED BY DG LONG INCLUDING WIVES. DURING MEETING, CODEL LONG ADVISED DG LONG THAT IT SEEMED UNWISE TO DEAL WITH GATT REFORM MEASURES IN A SEPARATE GROUP OR ALL TOGETHER BUT THAT, RATHER, THESE ISSUES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED ON AN AD HOC, PIECEMEAL BASIS IN THE CONTEXT OF WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES WHERE THEY ARISE. HE POINTED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LDC DEMANDS WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE INTEREST OF U.S. CODEL LONG ALSO EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY OF CONCLUDING MTN TALKS IN EARLY 1977 SINCE AT THAT TIME THE CONGRESS WOULD BE MOST RECEPTIVE TO ENACTING A TRADE AGREEMENT.

4. IN MEETING WITH MTN DEL, CODEL LONG AGREED TO STR BRIEFING OF SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON MTN ISSUES SEPTEMBER 10 OR 11, OBSERVING THAT IT WAS HIS HUDGMENT SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE OBLIGATED TO MAKE TIME FOR THESE BRIEFINGS IN ORDER TO FULFILL OBLIGATIONS THEY UNDERTOOK IN THE TRADE ACT. CODEL RIBICOFF VOICED FULL AGREEMENT.

5. CODELS MET TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1975 WITH SECRETARY GENERAL COREA OF UNCTAD. CODEL RIBICOFF ASKED SERIES OF POINTED QUESTIONS ON WHY LDCS, WHO SUFFER THE MOST FROM INCREASED OIL PRICES, WERE NOT EXERTING PRESSURE ON OPEC NATIONS TO REDUCE OIL PRICES. ALSO OBSERVED THAT U.S. ENTHUSIASM FOR MEASURES TO ASSIST LDCS GREATLY COOLED BY INFLAMMATORY TACTICS OF LDCS. CODEL RIBICOFF URGED COREA TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE PICTURE" AND THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS HAD RESPONSIBILITY "TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR" RATHER THAN SIMPLY USING U.S. AS WHIPPING BOY. BOTH CODELS STRESSED CONTINUING WILLINGNESS OF U.S. TO ASSIST DEVELOPING NATIONS BUT PROCESS MUST BE GOVERNED BY MUTUALITY OF INTEREST, NOT ACCUSATORY RHETORIC. COREA REPLIED TO EFFECT THAT COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY SOLIDARITY PREVENTING LDCS FROM CRITICIZING OPEC NATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA BUT THAT, PRIVATELY AND LILATERALLY, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SEEKING TO PUT PRESSURE ON OPEC NATIONS. COREA ALSO SAID THAT HE HOPED UNCTAD IV WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN A MORE MODERATE ATMOSPHERE AND THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS, PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE SEEMS NOW TO BE COMMON AGREEMENT THAT SOME STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE COMMODITIES AREA EITHER IN THE FORM OF AGREEMENTS OR EARNINGS STABILIZATION. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE FORTHCOMING PROPOSALS AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE U.N. G.A. AND THAT, IF SO, HE LOOKED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN NORTH SOUTH DIALOGUE. MEETING CONDUCTED IN CANDID, LOW-KEY TONE. WALKER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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